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Local Fire Fighters Finally Extinguished Wind-Blown Blaze

NIGHT STRUGGLE

It was only through fast-witted firemen and volunteer fire-fighters that the Village of Crossfield was again spared the awful tragedy of a total clean-up, Saturday afternoon last, when the large Ure building was found to be in flames. Upstairs residents endeavoured to quench the flames by pouring water from the windows, but to no avail: the building apparently had caught fire between the studdings, and in only ten minutes after the alarm was sounded, the whole building was in flames. A Calgary fire truck was immediately phoned for, when found that the fire enveloped the whole building.

Those residing upstairs rushed down, unable to say anything besides their own lives and the clothing they wore, while a great deal of the furniture, books and a few small articles downstairs were rushed outside. Smoke in the front of the building soon stopped this work and men began removing furniture from the surrounding buildings.

The old Red & White store, only a few yards away, received a few burning cinders and was soon demolished by the forceful fire, which was blown by a south east wind.

The residence of G. Lim, in the next lot, was in grave danger and soon was cleared of furnishings.

F. Witke's Blacksmith Shop and H. McDonald's Massey Harris Machine shed, only across the street, caught fire several times, but with the help of the chemical engines and volunteer bucketeers, the flying embers were extinguished as soon as they fell near anything that could catch fire, and thus, until the two burning buildings were burned to the ground, the remainder of the town was spared.

The Onkies and Chronicle buildings began to get very warm and dry, and, had it not been for the strong south east wind, many more tears would have been shed, as these buildings were so close to other wood structures that only thirty minutes more would have made a real "He-Man" bonfire out of the whole village of Crossfield.

When the Calgary machine arrived, the fire was well under control and local business men were busy finding places of abode for the unfortunate, which were soon arranged, with kind assistance of prominent residents, who are worthy of sincere thanks for their kindnesses in the way they gave of their own to help others.

This all happened in a short afternoon, but after the hour of eight o'clock, a strong south-west wind, which later turned towards the main business section, arose, and the fire, which was still strong, with the burning of large supplies of coal, and the almost unquenchable blaze was soon in full force.

The chemicals were repaired and trucks began to haul tanks of water, bringing many more people out to defend their businesses and nearby lodgings.

For the space of three hours old men and young men, with the assistance of farmers who had just come to town for the evening, fought the strong winter wind and the extremely fierce, town-threatening fire, which only a higher being could control.

Local PeeWees Defeat Carstairs

The Crossfield PeeWee Pucksters triumphed over the Carstairs PeeWees Friday evening last, at the Carstairs rink, to the tune of a 4-3 score. Jimmie Stevens brought in three goals and Cameron Carmichael 1 for the locals.

Wrong Rumours.

According to rumours, three hundred dollars were sent to the Texaco Nickel Club, from Crossfield and district in nickels.

This is a very large number of nickels, and it would take a long time to collect them. The proper amount is 322 nickels, which makes \$16.00.

Local Lady Falls On Icy Sidewalk

While walking on the sidewalk between the residence of W. A. Hart and the Yee Liang Laundry, Mrs. W. Pogue had the misfortune to slip and fall on the ice, which was there from previous snow that had thawed, breaking her ankle, Friday evening last.

Arthur Baker found Mrs. Pogue helpless, and, with the help of Bud Shantz, who arrived a minute later, carried her to her home, just a block away.

Dr. D. W. Whillans was called, who set the fracture, but ordered an X-Ray to be taken. Mr. H. R. Fitzpatrick conveyed the unfortunate one to Calgary, bringing her back the same evening.

It was found that Dr. Whillans had made a perfect reset of a double fracture, but that Mrs. Pogue will have to spend a few weeks in bed.

Killam Couple Wed 70 Years

Killam Alberta (C.P.)—Mr. and Mrs. John Douglas Chambers, pioneers of this district 100 miles south east of Edmonton, Saturday celebrated their 70th wedding anniversary.

Both were born in Burgessville, Ontario, he on February 24, 1848, and she on July 10, 1852. And it was in the home of Mrs. Chambers' parents in Burgessville that they were married.

They came west to farm near Crossfield in 1905 and in 1911 moved to a farm near here. Mr. Chambers retired in 1934.

Saturday the happy couple—they say they've been happy all their married life—were guests of honor at a banquet extended them by one of their neighbors.

—Calgary Herald, December 27th.

CARDS OF THANKS.

We wish to express our sincere thanks and appreciation to the firemen and all our friends for the assistance rendered us in the saving of our household goods during the recent serious fire.

Mr. and Mrs. JOHN BECKER

Mr. and Mrs. Harder and family wish to thank all their friends and residents of the district for their very kind assistance during the recent fire, which destroyed all their belongings.

Once again we have been spared, and a merry Christmas was enjoyed by all, as the unfortunate were helped in every way possible, with clothing food and shelter.

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PROSPEROUS
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of the Season

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For joy, and everything,
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Throughout the coming year !

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Projects With Possibilities

If Western Canada is to derive the maximum of benefits from the plans and operations of Ducks Unlimited, whose projects reached the stage of initial field work during the summer just past, close co-operation between and co-ordination with the activities of all departments of the federal and western provincial governments is highly essential.

In the provinces of Manitoba, Saskatchewan and Alberta, Ducks Unlimited established a close contact with the Prairie Farm Rehabilitation Administration and the two organizations, with a joint objective of conservation of water, but for different reasons, have maintained not only friendly relations but have exchanged information and have collaborated closely in carrying out their respective projects.

This is as it should be, but this co-operation and co-ordination can, and doubtless will in the future, be extended to harmonize with and further promote the activities of the provincial governmental departments, including those devoted to construction and maintenance of highways and those devoted to the administration of game laws and conservation of wild life, as well as those concerned with agriculture, the development of the natural resources and publicity, to name some provincial government activities which could very well be tied in with water conservation to the ultimate advantage of all concerned.

A Laudable Ambition

For the benefit of those who may not be very familiar with the scope of operations and aims of Ducks Unlimited, it might be appropriate at this stage to say that the primary objective of this organization is to serve existing breeding and resting grounds for ducks in the northern reaches of the three prairie provinces, to extend them and to develop new ones where conservation of water and topographical features lend themselves to such an undertaking.

Where such areas are not already game preserves and bird sanctuaries it is proposed, of course, to convert them into safe harborage for game birds and other wild life and the program includes provisions for public hunting grounds, where sportsmen who are willing to conform to the tenets of wild life conservation in the boundaries of proper control measures may take their pleasure in season.

A report on the first season's work carried out in the field by Ducks Unlimited reveals that three major projects, one in each of the three prairie provinces, involving the construction of dams and other appropriate structures, have been completed and these, together with two additional contemplated projects will impound runoff water next spring and, to quote the organization's report, "restore to natural, profitable use, 100,000 acres of water, marsh and upland each acre capable of producing 100 ducks" or a total of ten million ducks.

Other Aids Necessary

It requires little imagination to sense what such an undertaking may well mean to the people of the provinces which are co-operating with Ducks Unlimited. It will open up substantial areas which should prove veritable paradises for visiting hunters, sportsmen and nature lovers from all parts of the continent, provided the necessary steps are taken to let them know that such places of recreation and rest exist and means to make them accessible are furnished.

Such an objective necessarily entails the construction and maintenance of adequate highways coupled with an effective program of publicity in those areas from which tourists with leisure and means can be drawn to enjoy the available attractions and incidentally, leave some of their good money in these provinces. The latter is a natural and inevitable corollary of the former.

With all governmental departments combining to provide all the necessary facilities to make the most of the site of these projects and of others which undoubtedly will follow in the future, it is not difficult to foresee that the results may well have a profound and beneficial effect on the economic life of the country.

International Goodwill

The possibilities for the future are well summed up in the closing paragraph of a report on the activities of the organization in the following words:

"Ducks Unlimited is a co-operative enterprise in sport and conservation—of international scope. Its immediate purpose is to restore and increase ducks—as an integral part of a sound development of all resources. Its ultimate results will include the generation of understanding and goodwill throughout the whole continent."

Commemorative Coinage

New Silver Dollar Will Be Struck By Royal Canadian Mint

A new silver dollar, commemorative of the visit to Canada next summer of King George and Queen Elizabeth, will be struck shortly by the Royal Canadian Mint, in time for the royal Mackenzie King announced.

The coin will bear the likeness of King George on one side and a design symbolizing the royal visit on the opposite side.

There will also be an issue of stamps in three series to commemorate the event. The one-cent stamp will be green with the features of the royal princesses. A brown two-cent stamp will show the national war memorial which His Majesty will visit next May. The other two issues of the king and queen will appear on the three-cent stamp which will be large in size and red as at present.

The tassel-card squirrel grows ear tufts each fall. These grow to a length of $1\frac{1}{2}$ inches by midwinter and fall off in the spring.

In England, a Sunday blue law states that "cut flowers can be bought on the Sabbath, but no potted plants."

Science says four out of five people are untroubled by nerves. They are the ones you hear horning.

Germany has prohibited the use of wheat and rye as fodder.

More Abundant Rainfall

Scientists Say Next Few Years Will Be Relatively Wet

The United States weather bureau forecast the next few years would be relatively wet if the climate pattern of the last century continues.

Long-range weather history is a succession of dry and wet cycles interspersed with periods of average rainfall, the bureau said. The wet decade "suggests very strongly that the recent long dry period has about spent itself and that immediate future years will have more abundant rainfall."

In its annual report the bureau declared any long-time agricultural program which does not take into account wet and dry cycles is "inherently weak."

Chipmunks are known under the generic name, "Tamias," meaning steward, because of their habit of storing away provisions.

It is estimated that rodents, insects and other wild life leave only 25 per cent. of the range grass for livestock.

Age of stars can be told by their color, which changes as they grow older.

An adult needs about 900 pounds of fresh vegetables a year.

Small fish are burned as candles by Alaskan miners.

Farther North

Highway Opening Up Vast Mineral Areas In Manitoba

One hundred miles of highway now connect The Pas with Mafeking, and points south, to provide a link between the "inside" and the "outside" of Manitoba. There remains only the official opening of No. 10 highway to introduce this fact to the general public of Canada.

Some day, perhaps, the road will be a factor in the development of Hudson Bay—connect by highway the most northerly port in America, Churchill, with Cape Horn, to the South.

To serve the mining communities of Flin Flon, Herb Lake and Cranberry Portage, the anticipated site of immediate future development, the road must be carried to the Portage. From there its future traffic can be carried economically by barge to and from surrounding communities.

Only 40 miles of new road, at the most, are necessary to offer a fair guarantee that the trade and benefits from these mineral areas of the future will accrue to Manitoba, the builders of the new road—Northern Mail, The Pas.

Wild Fowl Photographed

Miss Squire, Of Kansas, Spends Summer In The Far North

Miss Lorene Squire, one of the foremost wild-fowl and game photographers in Canada and the United States, is back in Harper, Kas., after another summer of camera shooting in Canada's northern regions.

A color reel of the Canadian reindeer herd on Richards Island, Macenzie Inlet, shots of rare black and white snow geese and a close-up of a flock of swans are a few of the pictures taken on her latest expedition.

Miss Squire studied in University of Kansas, majoring in dramatics, but turned to photography after graduation in 1932. She says she does not make sufficient money at her photography to call it a profession but spends far too much time at it to call it a hobby.

Miss Squire went into the northland in June. She travelled by plane to the whaling port and tramped Churchill, Man., to Baffin Land via the S.S. Mackenzie was included. She said she loved life in the north and planned to return next summer.

A Hungarian shepherd, 81 years of age, is reported to have the world's record mustache. It measures 26 inches from tip to tip.

Sir Walter Raleigh never was in America. He only reached Newfoundland on his voyage to the New World.

The Christian world never has adopted one uniform Bible. There are ten different versions in use today.

The Cassiquiare river, in Venezuela, flows in opposite directions in different seasons.

DEATH FROM THE SKY IN SPAIN!



Look out below! Death's coming and it's coming fast! A remarkable picture over Valencia, Spain, showing Spanish insurgent bombing planes dropping their missiles of death on the city of Valencia, miles below. Note the smoke of fires caused by other bombs.

Register For Service

Technical Men Volunteer Services In Event Of War

Voluntary effort on the part of Canadian organizations is resulting in a national registration of professional and technical men whose services might be placed at the country's disposal in the emergency of war.

With the concurrence of the national defence department this census is at present being undertaken by the Canadian Institute of Engineers, the Canadian Institute of Chemistry, the Canadian Institute of Mining and Metallurgy and others.

The policy is in line with that being carried out in the United Kingdom where national registration of men and women offering themselves for voluntary service is in progress. Some time ago the Canadian Medical Association began to list among its members those who would make their services available.

Already the defence department possesses information relating to the character and capacity of various Canadian industries. More than 800 plants have been surveyed and all facts bearing on their production and processes have been filed. Departmental experts are studying how best those plants may be converted from peacetime to wartime work in case of necessity.

New Patent Syrup Jug

Long realizing the need for a syrup jug that would make pouring syrup easier and make the syrup more palatable, the inventor of the new Patent Syrup Jug has one. This jug is retailing in Toronto stores at \$1.30 for a 12-ounce size and \$2.00 for a 40-ounce size. The inventor of the new Patent Syrup Jug is a remarkable new boy who has been developed. For Bee Hive Syrup users the Jug can be served at big breakfasts or on-the-go-size, and it has four for five-pound Bee Hive Syrup labels, or the equivalent in pounds and 500, and the large size equivalent in pounds and 1,000. The jug is absolutely unique in that it has a pattern drop cut action that severs the syrup in a single drop. People seeing them in action instantly say "that's what I want."

How to address their requests to the St. Lawrence Starch Co., Port Credit, Ont.

No Trouble Over Return

Map Makers Put Land Back Into United States

Barnhart Island is back in the United States. The 100-acre island in the St. Lawrence River as shown on the St. Lawrence River map in New York's Legislative Manual marks the return of the wanderer, unwittingly "ceded" to Canada several years ago by an erring mapmaker.

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The guy who used to blow his horn is now blowing his automobile's.



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About a decade ago Anthony Eden was referred to as "that terrible young man who wants peace so much." He had earned a Military Cross in finding out what war was like. As a rising diplomat he strove against obstacles now fully realized.

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The world is still in the early stages of evolution and as man develops he probably will take over from God responsibility for the evolution of life on earth, the Chicago scientist said.

Faith in God may be a thoroughly bad attitude. Dr. Compton declared, even though it is not possible to establish the correctness of the belief.

"Such a faith is presumably based on the experience that the hypothesis of God gives a more reasonable interpretation of the world than any other," he said.

Analyzing the present stage of evolution Dr. Compton said man is now master of plant and animal life on earth and to a large extent even the means of controlling his own evolution.

"Gradually the responsibility is being shifted by God to our shoulders. As science advances it seems inevitable that this transfer of authority will approach completeness," he said.

One Of Deadliest Weapons

Motor Car Improperly Handled Can Do Untold Damage

Many motorists do not know the deadly nature of the weapon in their charge when carelessly handled. The motor car in itself is foolproof, properly cared for. The trouble, when there is trouble, is usually due to the head hand of the user.

"Deadly Use," which devotes much of a recent issue to highway accidents, prints this: "Engineers say that a motorist who crashes into a solid object at 60 miles per hour suffers the same force of impact that he would if he drove off the roof of a 12-story building."

No sane motorist would drive off a 12-story building. How many "going 60" realize the danger?

A car going 60 represents nine times the energy of one going 20 miles per hour; it is nine times as hard to stop; it travels nine times as far before stopping; hits any object nine times as hard, and brings death six times as often.

The insurance journal also offers this for thought: At 20 miles per hour, according to the law of averages, there is one death in 61 accidents; at 20 to 30 miles, one death in 42; at 30 to 40 miles, one in 35; at 40 to 50 miles, one in 25 accidents; over 50, one in 11.

Orient Follows Old Custom

One of the oldest and most widespread usages of colour connects a specific one with each of the four cardinal points of the compass. North is white, east is yellow, south red and west is blue. In some parts of the Orient this colour custom still is followed in the painting of city gates that face squarely in these directions.

Tree stumps, 400,000 years old, were taken from the water off the coast of New Jersey almost perfectly preserved.

In Ancient China the highest praise that could be bestowed upon an Emperor was to say that his goodness extended to animals.

In Europe it's a wise child that knows his own fatherland.

PRAIRIE MARKETS CONFERENCE ENDS WINNIPEG SESSION

Winnipeg.—The answer to the agricultural problem of western Canada caused by loss of world markets will probably be found eventually in a combination of restricted international trade and controlled production. Premier John Bracken of Manitoba said as the prairie markets conference ended.

The conference, marked by a unanimity of opinion unique in the history of prairie agriculture, according to several speakers, ended without the passing of resolutions.

It ended in a great salvo of appreciation of Premier Bracken's effort in arranging the conference to study the facts of the problem so the full picture might be generally understood.

"Then where do we go from here?" Mr. Bracken asked, providing his own answer with a proposal for a continuing committee on markets and agricultural adjustment which would be representative of various interests in the three prairie provinces.

That committee will, in turn, appoint a series of sub-committees to study numerous angles brought before the conference.

"This problem won't be solved by us in western Canada," Mr. Bracken said, "we will need national assistance. It will need to be solved on its merits to be dealt with by parliament. These committees will help bring out all the facts."

Hon. D. B. Mullen, Alberta minister of agriculture, assured Mr. Bracken the Alberta government would co-operate to the fullest with any progressive move to aid agriculture.

The conference, attended continuously by about 300 men and women representing a wide variety of interests across the country, spent its final day considering prairie problems. It was expressed here by Hon. R. J. Manion, Conservative leader. He said he had opposed admission of refugees from Germany in 1934 and took the same position now.

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Wheat Subsidies

Cannot Solve Canada's Wheat Problem, Says Speaker

Winnipeg.—Subsidies cannot play much part in solving Canada's wheat problem but will be necessary next year and perhaps the following year, Craig Pierce, president of the Calgary board of trade, said before the prairie markets conference.

"We do not think this should be regarded as the solution of the wheat problem either in the west or in the Dominion as a whole," he said.

"We feel that in such subsidies as are given in the next few years should be treated as providing a breathing spell within which time basic adjustments can and should be made."

These adjustments might include more scientific production methods, retirement to grass land unsuitable for cultivation, and soil conservation.

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Opposes Immigration

Hon. R. J. Manion Is Against Admission At The Present Time

Quebec.—Flat opposition to the admission of many immigrants to Canada while Canadians are out of work was expressed here by Hon. R. J. Manion, Conservative leader. He said he had opposed admission of refugees from Germany in 1934 and took the same position now.

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Mystery Clearing Up

Five Of Reported Attacks In Yorkshire Prove False

Hull, England.—Five Yorkshire men have confirmed a suspicion to its "slasher" case of last month when the crown prosecutor declared in court at least five of the 13 reported slayings were fakes.

Two girls were bound over for trial on charges of causing malicious mischief by slashing themselves. One said she did it with a penny razor blade because she was angry at her boy friend. The other admitted she used a comb to inflict a cut but said she was "excited" by reports of the "phantom slasher."

Declaring that "now we know that at least five of the 13 attacks never happened at all," Prosecutor W. N. Curtis spoke bitterly of "persons with silly notions."

Suggests Possible Cause

Sydney Mines.—Investigators probing the Princess colliery disaster heard a rope-splicer suggest a kink in the haulage rope caused the break which sent a string of cars smashing into the pit depths. Twenty-one of the 250 men aboard died in Cape Breton's worst mining accident since 1917.

May Form New Company

London.—A Reuters News Agency dispatch from Shanghai said it was rumored a new Japanese navigation company would soon be formed to establish a monopoly over all trade between Yangtze river ports and Shanghai.

Exchange Of Prisoners

Montevideo, Uruguay.—Reports reaching the border said agents of the Spanish government and the Insurgents are preparing for a mass exchange of prisoners during the Christmas season.

SAYS WEST MUST STICK TO GROWING OF WHEAT CROPS

Winnipeg.—Any substantial shift on the prairies from wheat growing to other products, in an attempt to meet the world wheat crisis, would endanger the whole agricultural industry of Canada, Hon. J. G. Taggart, Saskatchewan minister of agriculture, warned in an address before the prairie markets conference.

An extensive shift in the west to livestock and dairy products would threaten those industries in eastern Canada, which in turn would involve a shift by eastern farmers to over-production of fruit and vegetables.

"That's why our problem should be considered as a national problem, as it affects the whole agriculture of Canada," Mr. Taggart said. "It affects the whole economy of Canada, because you can't wreck the business of half the people (engaged in agriculture) without wrecking the business of others."

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WILL LEAD PARTY

Col. George A. Drew, 44-year-old soldier, lawyer and author, who was elected leader of the Ontario Conservative party.

Stiffen Foreign Policy

Says Britain Completing Defences At Home And Abroad

London.—Sir Thomas Inskip, defense co-ordination minister, sounded a warning that Great Britain might not be ready to stiffen its foreign policy.

"We have a formidable system of world wide defense of which too little notice is taken in estimating our security," he said in an address at the annual meeting of the British Empire League here.

"The first and most important drive of the western farmers, and of all of the people of Canada, ought to be to sell more wheat rather than to accept a proposition that wheat sales must be permanently restricted."

The conference was told by several speakers that prairie farmers had not specialized on wheat production through accident or personal choice but because soils and climate were peculiarly adapted to wheat and better suited to it than any other product.

Extension of grasslands by retiring several million acres of the least suitable land now sown to wheat was recommended as a first practical step.

Some reduction of wheat in the black soil areas of the north and the substitution of hays and coarse grains—which would be marketed in the form of livestock—were also suggested as remedial steps.

Of the 25,000,000 acres in Canada now devoted to wheat production, he said a shift to other uses that wheat was seen for only a small fraction of the total without damaging agriculture generally throughout the country.

Mr. Taggart said by classifying the various soil zones, it would be possible to estimate more accurately possible shifts from wheat, since such changes were more likely in some soil areas than others.

It might be assumed, he said, that farmers in the future as in the past would change their type of farming if economic advantages to them individually appeared to warrant the change.

Out of 58,000,000 acres under crops in Canada, 40,000,000 were in the prairie provinces, bulk of the cereal crop being raised on the prairies.

The first practical possibility of taking land out of wheat production, he suggested, was to return poor dry land to ranching. He estimated 1,000,000 acres would be withdrawn from present wheat areas by the method now being applied by the prairie farm relief administration.

That would mean the withdrawal of about 2,000,000 acres of land from actual cultivation.

No Christmas Broadcast

London.—The king is planning to broadcast a message to the empire on Christmas Day, 1939. An official announcement said His Majesty will not broadcast on Christmas Day this year.

Malcolm McLean federal member for Melfort riding, was one of those present.

Italian Military Program

Italy To Spend Millions For Military Program Next Year

Rome.—The Italian government announced it will spend 10,000,000,000 lire, about \$520,000,000, for military purposes in its next budget year. Il Giornale D'Italia in explanation, said Italy has "interests and rights to defend."

The comment of the authoritative Rome newspaper was carried in a copy of the *Times* of London, to which the editor wrote: "Vittorio Gaidya, in which he challenged French figures on the population of Tunisia, French North African protectorate.

He said French statistics were wrong in representing the French as outnumbering Italians. Gaidya said Italians actually far outnumber the French and added that this was the fundamental basis of the "Italian right to raise the problem of Tunisia."

BRITAIN WOULD BE CONCERNED BY ATTACK ON TUNIS

London.—Prime Minister Chamberlain declared an Italian attack on French Tunisia would be a matter of grave concern to Great Britain. He made the declaration to the House of Commons in answer to a question from Arthur Henderson, Labor.

Mr. Chamberlain again reminded France of Britain's "identity of interest." Mr. Henderson had asked whether "undertakings in respect of the status quo in the Mediterranean as embodied in the British-Italian agreement applied to Tunis."

Mr. Chamberlain replied that "certainly" the London-Rome accord, put into force Nov. 16, applied to Tunisia. "We cannot, however, contemplate the possibility of such an attack as suggested in the question."

The reason for the British concern came at a time when Anglo-German friction as illustrated at the foreign press banquet was overshadowed by animosity between France and Italy over Italy's unofficial challenge of French territorial strength in the Far East.

"Its safety is as important to the east as that of Great Britain is to the west," he declared. "It is essential to the protection of Australia and New Zealand and holds the gateway to the Indian Ocean. To the east the base is efficient, with repair facilities available, and full completion of anti-aircraft armament and other minor aircraft equipment will be reached next year."

"We are not the first empire or the first democracy in the history of the world but we are the first imperial aggregation of democracies based upon what I may call by its most familiar title—freedom."

It might be assumed, he said, that farmers in the future as in the past would change their type of farming if economic advantages to them individually appeared to warrant the change.

Out of 58,000,000 acres under crops in Canada, 40,000,000 were in the prairie provinces, bulk of the cereal crop being raised on the prairies.

The first practical possibility of taking land out of wheat production, he suggested, was to return poor dry land to ranching. He estimated 1,000,000 acres would be withdrawn from present wheat areas by the method now being applied by the prairie farm relief administration.

That would mean the withdrawal of about 2,000,000 acres of land from actual cultivation.

Name of the organization, which will work for the building of a north road in preference to the more southerly Evergreen route, will be the Northern Trans-Canada Highway Association, whose object will be ultimately a hard-surfaced route from coast to coast, through Hudson Bay, Jaffray, Lethbridge, Edmonton, Jasper.

Malcolm McLean federal member for Melfort riding, was one of those present.

Objects To Term

London.—Prime Minister Chamberlain, in his address to the Foreign Press Association, complained about the "assisted passage" scheme, he declared referring to "that old man." He said he did not feel obliged to "in one word, condemn it." He added: "the passage of years has left its mark on me and that is in the recognition of the futility of ambition if that ambition leads the desire for domination."

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EUROPE'S FUTURE AGAIN IN HANDS OF ADOLF HITLER

London.—After the startling announcement was made that Premier Benito Mussolini intends to continue, possibly by resort to war, his campaign for cession of French colonies, il Duce may wait for definite word from Adolf Hitler.

The second announcement somewhat soothed apprehensive foreign observers who feared that the Italian dictator's statement that he would pursue his course "relentlessly" might mean that he would take immediate measures.

It is indicated that in the face of recently concluded Anglo-French mutual support agreements, the European furies lies once more in the hands of the German dictator, under somewhat similar conditions to those that preceded the Munich pact. It is now debated whether Prime Minister Neville Chamberlain may change his mind to confer with Fascist leaders in Rome and instead go once more to Germany from out the new difficulties.

In Berlin, Chancellor Hitler and Hermann Goering, the Reich field marshal, had an assembly of 3,000 highway workers that Germany's fortifications are the strongest in the world and asserted that her demands for colonies "can be satisfied only by action."

Some sources interpreted this as an indication that the dictator may decide to cast his lot with Italy in her demands for more territory.

The new highway commission reveals a building program which would entail construction of 8,075 miles of new roads.

Observers analyzed the turning of the German industrial energy to highway construction as a means of national defense.

They pointed out that the plan would greatly facilitate the rapid movement of motorized units of the reich army.

For Greater Empire

Duke Of Devonshire Advocates More Population For Dominions

London.—The British empire's voice in foreign affairs would be increased manifold if, for example, Canada had a population of 40,000,000 instead of the present 10,000,000, the Duke of Devonshire's under-secretary, declared in a speech.

"Battleships, tanks, guns and rides are no good unless you have men," he said.

The empire is a powerful factor in world affairs, a factor always found on the side of peace, justice and truth, the duke added, declaring:

"But I ask you to think what the empire might mean in world affairs, if Canada had a population of 40,000,000, if Australia had 30,000,000 and if the Union of South Africa had a population of 20,000,000 or 30,000,000."

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Will Be Completed Soon

Calgary's New Air Port May Be Lighted January 1

Regina.—The new air port at Calgary, so far passed up by Trans-Canada Airlines planes flying the Alberta branch run, will probably be completed and lighted by Jan. 1, it was announced by Inspector J. R. Robertson, district inspector of western airways of the department of transport, who returned here by plane after several days spent in inspecting Alberta airways facilities.

Planes on the branch run are still flying non-stop between Lethbridge and Edmonton, connecting at Lethbridge with both east and west-bound main lines and also the train from Calgary. The new runways, 3,800 feet long and 500 feet wide, have been completed at Calgary and lighting equipment is now being installed. D. S. Robertson, airways electrician, is at present erecting the tower for the revolving beacon.

Founder Of Italian Red Cross

St. Catharines, Ont.—A. R. Deacon, 67, founder of the Italian Red Cross Society, died here recently. He held the Croce di Savoia from King Victor Emmanuel.



You are about to see a rehearsal for the forthcoming "murder in cold blood," which, of course, is typical of what goes on in many farmyards shortly before Christmas. Mr. Turkey and Mrs. Turkey must feel rather uncomfortable to see the chopper so close.

BEST ATTAINABLE IMAGE FROM DOCUMENT AVAILABLE

Intimate Picture Is Painted Of The Earlier Years Of Our Gracious King And Queen

There was little thought at the birth of a second boy to the then Duke and Duchess of Cornwall and York at Sandringham, December 14, 1895, that the young prince, 41 years later, would become George VI, 'of Great Britain, Ireland, and the British dominions beyond the seas.'

Much less was it imagined on August 4, 1900, the newborn daughter of the ancient Scottish family of Bowes Lyon, a commoner, would one day be Queen Consort and journey to Canada with the King on a fresh venture in royal contacts with self-governing dominions. But already Their Majesties are no strangers to their peoples.

Prince Albert—now the King—was born 18 months after his lusty brother, Edward, afterwards Prince of Wales, and Edward's son, now Duke of Windsor, the lionheart of kingship for Albert was remote. His great-grandmother, the revered Victoria, was then in the last decade of her 64-year reign. His grandfather Edward, his father George and the elder brother Edward were before him in the succession.

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Train For Arctic Work

Fourteen Young Men At Winnipeg To Take Trading Post Jobs

Fourteen young men are attending the Hudson's Bay Company's Fur Trade Training school at Winnipeg preparing for tests they must pass to qualify themselves as trading posts as far north as the Arctic circle.

In nine weeks they are required to learn the rudiments of fur grading, merchandising, post accounting, first aid, wireless, telegraphy, radio mechanics and carpentry. Because they are bachelors they must also learn to do their own cooking.

Such versatility is necessary, said R. H. G. Bonnycastle, acting personnel manager for the company.

"Many of our men are entirely on their own resources. They can't go to the corner store for a chop for their dinner, or can't make a meal out of the cupboard stores. We often there's no doctor nearby and our man is called upon to render first aid to natives who have met with an accident."

Miss Anne Livingstone and Miss Elizabeth Pickeringall, dietician experts, gave the class its first cooking lesson. Experiments will be made with dehydrated vegetables "since these are easy to ship long distances," and special instruction will be given in preparation of fish and game, the north country's only available fresh food.

The information students receive in sending and receiving radio messages comes in handy, says S. G. L. Horner, radio technician on the company's supply ship Nascopie.

An important part of their instruction is learning how to dress windows and shelves to make goods look attractive. Asked whether Eskimo or Indian women follow styles, instructors in charge of the model trading store replied in the affirmative.

"Sixty per cent of our post men are married men. Their wives and styles, clothes and the native women are great imitators. We sell silk stockings and lingerie to the women and polo shirts and flannels to the men. It isn't a case of a sunset striped blanket any more."

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WORLD HAPPENINGS
BRIEFLY TOLD

Final approval on a compulsory pension plan for Edmonton's 3,017 civil employees was given by the city council.

The British Columbia legislature went on record as opposed to Oriental immigration into British Columbia.

A chair in forest entomology, first to be established in a Canadian university, will be added to the forestry school of the University of New Brunswick.

Toronto city has decided to ask the Ontario government for legislation enabling municipalities to impose a special tax on chain stores and gasoline service stations.

The Calgary General Ministerial Association will conduct a city-wide religious census in January under the chairmanship of Rev. Douglas H. Teifer.

Lloyd's insurance underwriters are quoting rates which represent 32 to 1 odds against Great Britain becoming involved in war before Dec. 31 of next year.

United States ranchers seek Alberta cattle in lots of 500 to 1,000 to rebuild their drouth depleted herds. Kenneth Coppock, manager of the Western Stock Growers' Association, announced.

E. H. Bridgeman, deputy minister of municipalities for British Columbia, will soon begin a study of municipal health insurance schemes now operating successfully on the prairies.

Premier Aberhart, as Alberta's attorney general, has agreed to the appointment of a commission to gather statistics on youthful crime, Junior Citizenship and Brotherhood Association officials announced.

Volume of airmail carried by Trans-Canada Airlines planes has about doubled since the western Canada service was extended east of Winnipeg to Toronto, Ottawa and Montreal on an experimental and temporary basis Dec. 1.

The King's Medal

Members of Canadian Police Forces and Fire Brigades Now Eligible

Members of Canadian police forces and fire brigades are now eligible for the award of the king's police medal, a decoration conferred by His Majesty in recognition of bravery. A recent order-in-council renewed the application of the award to Canada.

The order-in-council, issued some time ago, cited the provisions of the royal warrants, which set forth that the king's police medal might be conferred "on those of our faithful subjects and others who have either performed acts of exceptional courage and skill or exhibited conspicuous devotion to duty" as members of police forces or fire brigades.

Recommendation for award of the medal, it was decided, is to be by "one of our ministers of state for our Dominion of Canada," according to the phrasing of the royal warrant.

The regulations covering the award set forth that the names of those proposed for it are to be submitted annually to the king during October. Twelve medals constitute Canada's yearly allotment, although more may be awarded if justified by exceptional circumstances.

The qualifications for the grant of the medal for gallantry are:

"Conspicuous gallantry in saving life and property, or in preventing crime or catching criminals; the maker incurred to his person with due regard to the obligations and duties of the officer concerned."

Should a person who has already had the honor conferred upon him perform any further act of gallantry entitling him to recognition a second time, this "may be recorded by a Bar attached to the ribbon by which the medal is suspended."

"For every such additional act an additional bar may be added," according to the terms of the royal warrant, "and for each bar awarded a small silver rose shall be added to the ribbon when worn alone."

The Wrong Tablets

Emphasized in details of a busy staff meeting, Brewster Gallup, part department draftsman, of Oklahoma City, called for "two tablets". An efficient secretary promptly entered with two tablets and a glass of milk. Then he remembered it was writing tablets he wanted.

Foolish Frontier Police

A clever Jewish banker brought his gold out of Italy not long ago by moulding it into mudguards for his car and painting over the metal so perfectly that the frontier police were hoodwinked.

SLIMMING CHIC FOR AT HOME!
By Anne Adams

A.C. 4920

Spirited, youthful—nothing at all of the "matron" about this graceful at-home frock by Anne Adams, except the size range! And "simple to sew"! written all over it too, from the slenderizing belt to the long sleeves with fancy cuffs. Of course, until you see the Sewing Instructor that comes with Pattern 4920, you'll know that this is a beauty! Pleasantly this style is stitched together! Be sure to note the scalloped neckline, a pretty frame for a wavy-cuffed hem, and the way into the construction the useful pockets and the captivating trim of ruffles and buttons. Perfect in printed cotton for "candy-striped" or most flattering shade of percale for the breakfast hour!

Pattern 4920 is available in women's sizes 36, 38, 40, 42, 44, 46, 48 and 50. Size 30 takes 4½ yards 36 inch fabric and 1½ yards ruffling. Send twenty cents (20c) in coin (not postage) to the Anne Adams Pattern Dept., 175 McDermott Ave. E., Winnipeg.

Hold Courts Earlier

The Earl of Clarendon, Lord Chamberlain to the Queen, will hold two courts in March, 1939, because in May, the month in which the first courts of the season usually are held, they will be visiting Canada. Two other courts will be held after the sovereign's return in June.

In England, a law makes it illegal to take home ice cream in cardboard containers on Sunday, but you can take it home in edible containers, or cones.

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The Peace of Christmas

CHRISTMAS for many is a day for reflection. The peace of happiness they need not the merriment of gift-making and gift-giving, of glad greetings, of choristers singing carols of jocular Christmases, belles of various districts. More than this, there is a sort of that study, a sort of longing freedom, the solace of tobacco, a glass of wine to be sipped. Here their fancy is released. Here do they become.

How delightful are the Christmas fancies of Alexander Smith, a Scott who has lived 80-90 years ago, as found in his "Dreamthorpe", described as "a book of essays written in the country."

"Sitting here," writes Smith, "I lovers—and took their places decently and in the ancient pews. From sermon I have returned home, and it is now my purpose to hold Christmas service. I have no one with me at table. My own thoughts must be my Christmas. Singing hymns, I have a kind of jolly ghosts. The nostrils of my memory are as salied by a faint odour of plum-pudding and mince-pie. I hear a sound as of light music, a whisk of women's dresses whirled round in a dance, a click as of glasses clinking.

Before one of these apparitions is a mound, as of a new-made grave, on which the snow is lying. I am in Dreamthorpe. I am not in white like the others, but in mourning stole of cape; and instead of dance music let there be a dirge, and around the service for the dead!

I know that sprig of mistletoe, O Spirit in the midst! Under it I have seen the girl I loved—and kissed her in spite of blushing and pretty shriek.

And thee, too, with fragrant sprigs of holly over which I have known—most ancient apparition of them all. I remember thy day of the children, when the stars blazed? And now, when I think of it, thee also would I drape in black raiment; around these also would I make the burial service mourn.

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SUNDAY SCHOOL LESSON

DECEMBER 25

GOD'S GREAT LOVE

Golden text. God so loved the world, that he gave his only begotten Son, that whosoever believeth on him should not perish, but have eternal life.

Lesson: Matthew 2:1-12.

Devotional reading: Romans 8:35-39.

Explanation and Comments

The Quest of the Wise Men. Matthew 2:1-8. It was in the days of Herod the King that Wise men from the East came to Jerusalem inquiring where was born the King of Jews. This was the Herod known in history as Herod the Great, whose reign lasted from 37 to 4 B.C.

Herod was king of Jerusalem, and when the question of the Wise-men reached his ears he was troubled, for he feared a pretender to his throne. The people said, "The King of the Jews is come." Herod sent for the Wise-men and asked them to bring him the Child. He was told that the Child was born in Bethlehem. Herod sent his soldiers to Bethlehem to find the Child.

Herod summoned the Wise-men to a private interview and from them learned the exact time of the star's appearing. He wished to know the age of the Child, so he sent his astrologers to Bethlehem to find the star. They returned and said that the star had been born when the Child was born.

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Health LEAGUE of CANADA presents TOPICS of VITAL INTEREST

by Dr. J. W. S. McCULLOUGH

GROWING PAINS

For generations painful extremities in children, often called growing pains, have been regarded as rheumatic in origin, so treated.

Lately an analysis of the histories of 100 patients with well-developed rheumatic heart disease at the Lymanhurst Health Centre, Minneapolis, revealed that 84% of them gave a definite history of a major attack of rheumatic fever; either rheumatic fever, chorea (St. Vitus' Dance) or both. A careful study of that in practically every instance, in spite of the fact that no history of a major attack of rheumatic infection was obtained, there was definite evidence that they were suffering from a long-standing, chronic infection. They had such signs as low grade fever, loss of weight, definite joint pains, nosebleeds, skin rash and pallor although the symptoms were not severe enough to send them to bed.

A follow-up of 200 other children in the same institution was carried out for three years. Though these children complained of pain in the legs, none of them had given any evidence of rheumatic infection. The pain is present as a rule at night and disappears during the day. They are otherwise in good health and none have developed rheumatic heart disease.

Growing pains are so common in healthy school children during early childhood and adolescence that it is suggested that their complaint is due, not to rheumatism but to normal growth.

Locked House A Mystery

Rent Paid Regularly But Tenants Vanished 40 Years Ago

Early one morning, forty years ago, Miss Louise Young and her sister walked out of an eight-roomed villa in Alexander-street, Ardrie, Lanarkshire, locked the door, and as far as their fellow townspersons were concerned, vanished.

Since then this house has remained empty.

No one in the town can say why the girls left or where they went.

But every year a sum of £141 which includes assessed rental and rates, is paid by a firm of lawyers to Ardrie Town Council.

"The sisters were very reserved and nothing was known about them," said a neighbor.

"They walked out of the house one morning after breakfast.

"The remains of their breakfast are still on the table as they left them.

"It is said that the house was haunted, but no one knows why it should be."

"So far as is known no one has entered the house since the sisters left."

"The curtains on the windows are mere drudgery, and the windows have never been cleaned."—London Sunday Express.

Looking For Easy Job

Applicant For Housekeeper's Position Not Taking Any Chances

A Kansas City resident of moderate circumstances applied for a housekeeper. The first applicant asked in for an interview with the advertiser, a woman home, a maid, a telephone and extension line, a nurse, a chauffeur and a secretary. "If you have such," the writer said, "you might send your chauffeur by and I'll come look the place over." A newspaper still carries the ad.

Indians of British Columbia believe that the raven is the source of light and life, and that the "Killer" whale can turn itself into a man.

Of the 9,278,398 miles of highways in the world, 3,859,623 are in North and South America. Europe is next with 3,387,964 miles.

Loons have been known to stay under water eight minutes.



The new branch line of the Canadian National Railways, required for the continued development of the rich mineral areas to the south of the National Transcontinental line in north-western Quebec gives a large number of producing mines, and mines now under development, direct rail connection with Montreal, Quebec City and Toronto. The new branch, which has just been completed, extends for 100 miles from Senneterre, on the Transcontinental, through Val d'Or to the terminus of the C.N.R. branch connecting with the Transcontinental at Thetford Mines, which was built in 1927 and made possible the rapid development of the Noranda group. This

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 DENTISTS
 -Ray (Office Over Kresges Store)
 236-8th Avenue CALGARY
 Dr. Milton Warren
 Crossfield First Monday, Tuesday and
 Wednesday of each month at
 Decker's Store Phone 16

Council Meetings
 The council of the village of Crossfield will
 meet in the Fire Hall on the first Monday
 of each month at the hour of 8 o'clock
 p.m. By Order of the Village Council,
 T. Tredaway, Sec.-Treas.

All Kinds of
TINSMITHING WORK
J. L. McRory
 CROSSFIELD Alberta

Church Notices

Church of the Ascension
 (ANGLICAN)
 Sunday, January 1st
 New Year's Day.
 10:00 a.m. Sunday School
 11:00 a.m. Bible Class
 7:30 p.m. Evensong
 Rev. A. D. CURRIE, Rector

United Church Services
 Sunday January 1st
 New Year's Services
 11:15 Sunday School
 11:00 Rodney
 3:00 p.m. Onsli
 7:30 Crossfield
 Rev. S. Hunt, B.A.B.D., Minister

Crossfield Baptist Church
 Regular Sunday Services
 11:00 a.m. Morning Service
 12:50 noon Sunday School
 8:00 p.m. Evening Service
 Services at Abernethy 3:00 p.m.
 Rev. J. H. PICKFORD, B.B.D., Minister

COODER BROTHERS
Announcing
 The building of a new private
 chapel at their
Foster Funeral Home
 320 - 12th Ave. W. Calgary
 Residents of Crossfield and district
 please accept this cordial invitation
 to see the new Chapel on or after
 December 10.

TURKEYS
 Make sure that you know the
 MARKET PRICE of your turkey by
 receiving our free price list during the
 turkey marketing season in December
 Send us a card with your name and
 address NOW to go on our list.

WINDSOR'S
 PRODUCE PACKERS
 601 - 11th Ave. West, Calgary.

**Government Liquor Control Act
 of Alberta.**
**APPLICATION FOR BEER
 LICENSE**

Public notice is hereby given that the undersigned intends applying to the Alberta Liquor Control Board for a license to sell Beer by the glass, or open bottle, for consumption in conformity with the provisions of the Government Liquor Control Board Act of Alberta, and regulations made thereunder, with respect to the following premises:

Lots 5 and 6, Block 2, Plan #4001 I "Crossfield" in the Village of Crossfield Building known as the Oliver Hotel. Beer saleroom is located in the North portion of the ground floor.

Dated at the Village of Crossfield, Alberta, this 7th day of December, A.D., 1938.

CONSTANCE HELEN WATERHOUSE
 Applicant

Wishing Everybody

A
HAPPY NEW YEAR!

T. Tredaway

CROSSFIELD POST OFFICE

To wish you a Christmas that's

merry
 And filled with joy and cheer
 And may good health and hap-
 piness

Be with you through the year.

F. MOSSOP & STAFF

A Sincere Wish For a
MERRY CHRISTMAS
 and a
HAPPY NEW YEAR

E. M. Tweddle

MILL-TEX CAMBRIDGE
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Just a cheery message to express
 best wishes for many joys at this
 happy Holiday Season.

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C. MIELOND

Merry Christmas

MAY YOU ENJOY A
 VERY MERRY CHRISTMAS
 AND MAY ITS CHEER GO
 WITH YOU THROUGH A
 GLAD NEW YEAR.

W. R. Emerson

Lumber Yard Crossfield

THANKING YOU for past
 favours and to remind
 you that we are better
 equipped than ever, to
 render Fast, Efficient
 Service.

W. A. Hurt

Welders . . . Machinists

Farm Implements & Fertilizers

Local and General.

A. W. Gordon was a Calgary visitor, Friday last.

Laverne Johnson was a Calgary visitor Friday last.

Miss Elsie Mossop, of Banff, spent the Christmas holidays at her home here.

Messrs. W. J. Wood and J. Helzer were Calgary visitors Saturday last.

Miss Opal Blough, of Calgary, spent the day at her home here.

Rev. S. R. Hunt says, "Begin the New Year right by going to church."

Born to Mr. and Mrs. Bob McCaskill, on December 18th, a daughter.

Mr. and Mrs. C. H. McMillan and family spent the holiday with friends at Calgary.

Mr. and Mrs. Ernie Walroth returned Thursday last from their honeymoon trip to the coast.

Born to Mr. and Mrs. Ken Cameron, Madden, on December 11th, a son.

Chronicle Clarence left Monday morning for Herbert, Sask., where he spent a few days with his cousins.

Mr. and Mrs. G. Dawson visited friends at Edmonton during the holidays.

Mrs. M. Patmore was the winner of the cushion raffled by the Women's Guild, with ticket No 80.

Archie Green, who spent the last few months with Mr. and Mrs. W. E. Spivey, left for his home at Delbourne Thursday last.

Miss Alma Gordon, of Calgary, spent the holidays at the home of her parents, Mr. and Mrs. A. W. Gordon.

Mr. and Mrs. J. D. Fike and family spent the Christmas holidays at the home of their daughter, Mr. and Mrs. A. Duncan, Calgary.

Mr. and Mrs. J. Dalton and family of Calgary, spent the Christmas holiday at the home of Mrs. Dalton's parents, Mr. and Mrs. F. Hopper.

J. Chalmers was a Calgary visitor Christmas day and said that he saw G. Y. McLean there. Why didn't you visit us, G. Y?

Miss Stella Gordon, of Calgary, spent the holiday at the home of her parents, Mr. and Mrs. A. W. Gordon.

Mr. and Mrs. L. C. Spivey of Eckville, spent the Christmas holidays at the home of the former's parents, Mr. and Mrs. W. E. Spivey.

Mr. and Mrs. C. Zang, of Calgary, spent the Christmas holidays at the home of the latter's parents Mr. and Mrs. L. Overby.

Messrs. G. Lim, Doug Carmichael of Airdrie, F. T. Baker, J. M. Huston and H. Abra took in the Drumheller - Calgary hockey game, at Calgary, Monday evening.

Rev. and Mrs. Hunt entertained Mrs. Hunt's sister, Miss Sadie Wilson and Miss Baker of Calgary at Christmas dinner on Monday and with Harold and Gwendolyn spent Monday evening and Tuesday visiting friends in the city.

Seventy people braved the storm of Sunday morning to gather at the United Church in a combined service of Sunday School and church congregation, one family driving the distance of 11 miles. The special music prepared by the choir and the numbers of the Sunday School orchestra were enjoyed; the Christmas hymns were heartily sung. The pastor gave the story of the "Other Wise Man."

Mrs. Cowling's School led off the Christmas concert and party season this year with an enjoyable function for scholars and friends on Monday afternoon December 10th. Over twenty guests gathered to mark the end of another creditable year's work. Mrs. Bennie and Mrs. Cowling had trained the scholars who entertained in the well decorated school

Crossfield Masons Visit Didsbury

The following members of Crossfield attended the joint installation ceremonies of the Cartairs Lodge No. 20, King Birens Lodge No. 21, Didsbury, and the Crossfield Lodge No. 48, which was held at Didsbury Tuesday evening, December 27th.

Rev. A. D. Currie, D. J. Hall, R. D. Sutherland, Ed Fox, W. J. Wood, J. L. McRory, J. H. Scott, Wm. Laut, J. N. Johnson, S. Willis, Ivor Lewis, J. Chalmers, C. H. McMillan

United Church Sunday School Concert

The U. F. A. Hall was crowded on Wednesday December 21st, when the United Church Sunday School held their Annual Christmas concert and treat. The parts were well taken by the scholars and all seemed to enjoy the evening. The Sunday School six-piece orchestra gave an acceptable number which was encored and assisted greatly in the school chorus work, which was pronounced by some the better part of the program. The recitations of the young children were popularly received as usual. The plays of the two C.G.I.T. groups and the dramaticized story, enacted by the Senior boys, also were given close attention.

Mrs. Nyall Tweedie and Miss Mildred Metheral gave appropriate Christmas stories. When Santa came he was most enthusiastically received and made the young people happy in the distribution of gifts and treat. The choir of the church presented Mrs. Hunt with an ornamental electric lamp in appreciation of her work as conductor.

So a faithful year's work in the church school was marked, and the co-operation of parents, scholars and staff is bespoken for the ensuing year.

Passing Thoughts.

By GARRET.

Chickens come home to roost. H. H. Stevens gone back to roost with Mannion.

You cannot make a silk purse out of a sow's ear.

Mr. Herrige, when will you go home to roost?

Barnacle Bill the sailor is taking over the Arctic Ocean. Do not prophesy of the Esquimaux. Bill Just feed them blubber.

The present day financial system is certainly an ox in wagon in an airplane age.

When one reads of a milling company in Canada making a profit in one year of three million, three hundred and thirty-nine thousand dollars, also paying a dividend of 18 percent on ordinary shares there is nodoubt whatsoever, there is money in wheat for some people.

A Chinese philosopher was asked this question, "How do you know the difference between what is right and what is wrong?" "By thinking," was his reply. "To bring happiness to anyone, even a little child, is right. To cause unhappiness to one or many, is wrong." Some dictators, armament makers, and such like, had better go and find that Chinese philosopher. For it looks as if there were going to be a lot of people exceedingly unhappy before long.

Doctor Hambro, president of the Norwegian Parliament, said, "There is no side, my side and the right side, in every argument fast, and if you and I turn to the right side we have solved everything."

Digest, that, readers. 'Nuff said for the week.

room, by recitations, solos, choruses and a drill. Santa came to unload the truck, all were served a bountiful lunch and remained to enjoy games and singing through the early evening.

Famous Speaker Initiates New "Mike"



CAPTAIN ANTHONY EDEN, former British Foreign Secretary, speaking before members of the National Association of Manufacturers during the organization's annual dinner at the Waldorf-Astoria Hotel, New York, December 27th. He demonstrated the use of Northern Electric's new versatile "cardoid" microphone, recently developed by the Bell Telephone Laboratories. This instrument owing to its unusual characteristics, enables radio engineers to select sounds from any direction and to suppress the effects of unwanted noise.

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